# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RURAL DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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EMPLOYMENT GENERATION IN RURAL AREAS
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to create more employment opportunities for SCs, STs, OBCs and minorities among the rural youth;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to generate more employment for rural youths by imparting them training in information technology and communication technology;

(d) if so, the details of specific programme; and

(e) the funds allocated in each State/UT for imparting training in information technology to rural youth ?

## Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement refereed to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 183 due for answer on 5.8. 2005

The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing two major employment generation Schemes namely Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) and the Sampoorna Gamin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) to provide self and wage employment to the families living below the poverty line in the rural areas of the country. The Government have also launched a new wage employment scheme namely National Food For Works Programme (NFFWP) in 150 most backward districts of 27 States of the country to generate supplementary wage employment and provide food security through creation of need based economic, social and community assets in these districts. The NFFWP is open to the rural poor who are in need of wage employment and desire to do manual unskilled work. This programme will be replaced by the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, the Bill for which has been introduced in the Parliament.

The Rural Development Programmes have been formulated to provide benefits to all the members of the families living below the poverty line including SCs/STs, OBCs and minorities among the rural youth. However, the programme guidelines of the Ministry of Rural Development have made specific provisions to ensure adequate flow of resources to the Scheduled Castes and Schedules Tribes, Women and Parents of Child Labour withdrawn from hazardous occupations who are Below Poverty Line. Under Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) at least 50% of the Swarojgaris will be SCs/STs, 40% women and 3% disabled. Under Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) 22.5% of annual allocations at the district and block/ taluka level is earmarked for SCs/STs individuals beneficiaries and 30% of the employment opportunities should be reserved for women.

Emphasis is laid on skill development through well-designed training courses under the SGSY. The design, duration of training and training curriculum are tailored to meet the needs of the identified activities, including the activities in information and communication technology. The Ministry is also implementing a number of Special Projects under the SGSY to impart training to the rural poor in various skills including those pertaining to information and communication technology. Acting on the recommendations of the Inter-ministerial group, the Ministry has decided to launch a pilot Programme under SGSY for the unemployed youth in rural areas. In the pilot phase (2005-07) it is proposed to cover at least 1000-2000 rural youths per year in 100 selected districts.